

Harbor Advisory Committee  
Firehouse Trust Building  
8/26/15  
7pm

Present: Skip Montello (Chairperson), Chris Murch (Vice-Chairperson), Phil Crotty, Larry Stepenuck, Fred Hillier, Steve Fritch, Kevin Carrigan

Not present: Dana Jorgensson

Also present: Harbormasters Scott Story and Rosemary Lesch

Motion to nominate Skip to be Chairperson of the Harbor Advisory Committee for the year, motion was seconded, vote was an unanimous yes.

Motion to accept June minutes, motion seconded, vote was six yeas, and one abstention (due to not attending the meeting).

Granite Pier Project

Skip asked for and received an update on the Granite Pier Project from Bill, and he e-mailed the information to members of the Committee. The Project now belongs to the DPW, and the Committee will be updated on whatever progress is made. Skip said he is happy with the way things are going. The state representative is definitely in favor of it. Phil explained his role in the Granite Pier Project. He helped draft the report at the request of the DPW. The report was finished in May, and was reviewed by the DPW. It will now go to the Army Corps of Engineers (at their request). Phil added if anyone has questions or comments about the report, they should address them to DPW. The report is still in draft form. Senator Tarr came in with \$20,000.

Phil as Granite Pier liason

If the Committee wants Phil to continue to be the liason for Granite Pier, he feels a motion needs to be passed. Phil said he will do his best, and he will keep the Chairperson posted. However, he will not be providing his e-mails, and will not be seeking approval in advance for what he does. He is happy to do the job but he does not want to be second guessed. He will provide updates as necessary. Kevin thinks Phil has done a tremendous job, and has his total support. Larry wanted a definition of what a liason is? Skip explained it means Phil will be attending certain meetings, and will update the Committee after those meetings. Larry said he would like the right to ask for any correspondence between the liason (Phil), and the various institutions he may be talking to (see attached). Larry said this is covered under the public meeting laws. Phil feels he is well within the bounds of the open meeting laws. A motion was made to approve Phil as the liason to the Granite Pier Project. Vote was six yeas, and one abstention from Larry.

Transient Moorings in the Harbor

Fred asked why Frank and Mark Davis have a mooring in Rockport Harbor if they are never on them. Scott said they are on them according to what the requirements are for them. Rosemary said the Army Corps requires them to have so many transient moorings. The arrangement was made years ago. The Army Corps made a condition that to have the harbor dredged, then there had to be transient moorings. Fred has a problem with the transient mooring requirement, and would like to see something in writing.

### Miscellaneous

Skip received an e-mail from a property owner on Bearskin Neck who was concerned about boats being tied up around the Motif because tourists cannot take the perfect picture. Skip sent the e-mail on to Scott. Scott said this is brought up all the time. Harbormasters will respond.

White wharf is getting shallower and shallower. Skip said he barely has room to get by the sailboat at low tide. He wondered if the harbormaster could shift the boats so there is more room to get in. Scott said he would take a look.

Larry asked Skip for maps of upper and lower storage areas of Pigeon Cove. Skip said he would try to get them by the end of this week.

Rosemary said the wall is still a fall project.

New breakwater seems to be the newest tourist attraction.

Phil said Granite Pier has a \$25,000 warrant article to go before fall town meeting for a proposed staircase to go from the upper level to the lower level.

Parking at White Wharf was discussed. It seems more and more tourists are parking there, and don't really care if they get ticketed. It was suggested to perhaps raise the price of a ticket.

### New business

Phil gave a report from CPC. Last year the Committee received three fourths of a million dollars. This year they received a half a million, and it looks like they will receive the same amount next year. Millbrook Meadows is asking for \$1.2 million. This would wipe out CPC's budget. Phil pointed out there hasn't been any money going to the harbors, and he would like to see some funds going to harbor projects. Millbrook has opted out of this fall town meeting but their request will be brought forth at spring town meeting

Larry asked the harbormasters for an update, and the potential of finishing up some of the work on the pilings. This is a DPW project. Skip asked Larry if he would be the liason for this project, and keep the Committee updated. Larry said he would bring in information about it.

Phil emphasized that CPC is very interested in small projects. The application is on line, and has to be in by this January to be funded for next January.

Meeting adjourned – 7:45pm